

S.W.O.C. Commends Council for Halting Funds to Chamber

A letter of commendation for "withdrawing of all funds to the Chamber of Commerce" has been sent the city council by Milky Williams Local Union No. 1414 of the Steel Workers Organizing committee, according to word received this week from Claude L. Haskins, recording secretary.

He reported that at a regular meeting held last Thursday evening, the lodge went on record to this effect and expressed the hope "that at no time in the future will the council allow the allotment of funds to said Organization."

Highway Group has Dinner-Meeting Tonight

A dinner-meeting of the Southwest District Highways Association will be held tonight at Los Angeles Municipal Airport Cafe, starting at 6:30 o'clock. The Douglas Aircraft Corp. is to provide the speaker, according to President Sam T. Hill of Inglewood.



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Taxpayers' Group Urges Further Slashes in L.A. School Budget

"For the welfare of the schools and employees as well as the taxpayers, the Los Angeles board of education should agree upon a budget that will cause no increase in the school tax rate this year," California Taxpayers' association declared in a letter to the board of education at the public hearing on the record-breaking \$44,437,342 tentative school budget by J. C. Bennett of the association's staff.

Offering further and continued cooperation in making additional reductions in the school budget, the association said: "In spite of the board's diligent efforts during recent weeks to reduce the budget, it still calls for an increased tax on the district of \$1,675,000, which will entail an increase in the tax rate of about 10 cents per \$100 of assessed valuation. The following facts make any increase in school tax rates at this time unjustified:

1. The Los Angeles school tax rate for the year just finished was within a fraction of a cent of the highest tax levy the district has ever borne.
2. The district rate excluding the abolished rate for county school purposes has already risen on more than sixty cents since the bottom of the depression.
3. All of the property tax reduction received by local taxpayers when the Riley-Stewart plan of 1933 abolished county school taxes and greatly increased state aid to schools has been absorbed by increasing district rates.
4. Employees' salaries in the school district have a much higher average purchasing power at the present time than they had during the prosperous days of 1928 and 1929.
5. Last year the enrollment and attendance of pupils of the city school district declined by several thousand and there is little likelihood of an increase this year.
6. The tax exactions of the Federal government will be enormously increased during this year, making it inescapable that other governments curtail their tax demands.
7. Other governments in California are making efforts to reduce their demands on the taxpayers at this time. The financial program of the State of California is many millions less for this biennium than for its predecessor. The other local

governments in this area have made successful efforts to hold their requirements to a minimum.

"This fiscal year which has just begun is one fraught with serious problems and dangers for all of us unless the most careful thought is given by responsible heads of governmental units to the problems in hand," the association concluded. "It is our earnest desire to urge upon you a further scrutiny of your tentative budget with a view toward reconciling it with the lessened needs of the district and with the strained ability of the public to pay the bill."

CALIFORNIA SPEAKS! Significant Statements by Interesting Californians

NANCY WELFORD, S. F. actress — "I am not at all discouraged by the failure of my first marriage. This business of living alone and liking it is a fallacy."

TOM MOONEY — "If I had my health now, I would shoulder a gun and lead the workingman into battle against Hitler, instead, as in 1916, of advocating peace at any price!"

ROY PLATO, Sacramento J.C. football fan — "When the time-keeper's gun ended a football game, U.S.C.'s Howard Jones was always ready to accept the decision. As a great coach he must have felt that way when the Supreme Timekeeper called him."

U. S. SENATOR SHERIDAN DOWNEY, Atherton — "I am not interested in what happens in the present old age insurance system in 30 years, because it is so inequitable, paradoxical and insufficient that it should not be allowed to exist another year."

NAVAL CAPT. J. W. GATES, S. F. — "Small fishing boats and pleasure craft now being mobilized on the Pacific coast will patrol the same waters for Uncle Sam that their private owners piloted as fishermen and yachtsmen — but they won't be fishing and they won't be cruising for fun."

Musicales Enjoyed by Group in Lomita

A "mail-man's holiday" was enjoyed last Saturday evening by a group of music teachers at the studio of Mrs. Cora E. Sedgwick, 1828 W. 254th St., Lomita, when they participated in a studio musicale.

Those present to participate in the delightful program of music were: Hubert, Annette and Ronald Lindeman, Rocco Leggett, Sara G. Farrar, Cora Cootes, Clarence Cameron White and Mrs. Nellie McCouston.

Read Our Want Ads



Out of the Far North

One of the Southland's rarest scenic attractions is this authentic Alaskan Indian totem pole, discovered recently by a new Super DeLuxe Ford sedan scout party in Santa Monica's Palisades Park. The 17-foot, hand-carved pole, which records the marriage of a Hida tribal leader to a Tlinglet maid, was donated to the city by J. W. Todd, of Santa Monica. Depicted are a Raven, bear, the father, his son and the bride. Totem poles are found only among the Indian tribes of the far northwest, and it is believed there is only one other authentic totem in Southern California. Yet Ford scouts found this rarity is seldom visited, and its presence is known to very few persons.

State Picnic-Reunions

PENNSYLVANIA . . . Pack a basket lunch and come to Bixby Park, Long Beach, Saturday, August 16, if you hail from Pennsylvania. That's the date for the annual summer picnic for all former residents of the Keystone state.

TOPEKA, KANSAS . . . An all day picnic for former residents of this city is planned for Saturday, August 16, at Bixby Park in Long Beach.

GULF STATES . . . Florida, Alabama, Mississippi and Louisiana will hold their annual picnic reunion Saturday, August 16, in Sycamore Grove Park, Los Angeles. A separate section for each state will have county registrations and a combined program will be presented at 2:00 o'clock.

MISSOURI . . . All former residents of the "Show Me" state are invited to attend the picnic-reunion in Sycamore Grove Park, Los Angeles, Sunday, August 17.

TENNESSEE . . . All former and visiting residents of this state are invited to attend the annual picnic Sunday, August 24, at Palisades Park, fronting Ocean ave., in Santa Monica, where a program will be held at 2:30 o'clock.

FAVOR HOME WORKERS

The California state chamber of commerce today announced results of a state-wide poll showing that more than 96 per cent of California employers favor the training and employment of resident workers rather than obtaining workers from other states.

Thanksgiving Bird Now Goes Streamlined

It may be rushing the season to start writing about Thanksgiving in August, but we're not quite sure just what date the Washington experts will pick for our annual feast day this year — and besides, we've stumbled upon a piece of news that will make old-fashioned housewives snort with disgust and new brides weep for joy. And in season or out of season, that kind of news is good copy.

The latest development on the culinary front, it seems, is the development of a "prefabricated" turkey — a frozen bird, plucked, stuffed and ready to cook. All the cook has to do is to pop the bird into the oven and wait until the clock on the stove says it's time to serve dinner. There's no dressing to make; no pinfeathers to pull; there's not even need for a can-opener.

Now if someone will just start a course in carving for backward husbands, with perfection guaranteed in six easy lessons, Thanksgiving Day will truly become a day for rejoicing.

Convention Delegates Home From 6,000 Mile Trip to East

When the National Townsend Club convention adjourned in Buffalo, N. Y., a few weeks ago, Mrs. Beth Paige, a delegate from the Torrance club, continued her travels back to New England where she renewed acquaintance with friends and relatives she had not seen for 29 years. She returned home Saturday night, ending a 6,000-mile journey that had many happy moments.

She formerly lived in Dorchester, Mass., and while most of her former schoolmates did not recognize her, she knew all of them. "They told me California must be the land of youth because I was able to get about so much and so far when they were content to stay right in their home neighborhoods," she said.

LIQUOR FATALITIES HIGH

Statistics show that every fifth fatal accident in California during 1940 involved a driver or pedestrian who had been drinking.

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Arriving at Torrance Memorial Hospital this week were the following:

BABY BLAUSEY . . . a daughter, to Mr. and Mrs. David E. Blausey of Redondo Beach, Aug. 3, at 12:21 a. m.

BABY BRUMMETT . . . a son to Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Brummett of Wilmington, Aug. 3, at 9:25 a. m.

BABY BOWMAN . . . a son, to Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Bowman of Harbor City, Aug. 6 at 5:10 a. m.

BABY FINCH . . . a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Adrian Finch of Harbor City, Aug. 6 at 8:45 p. m.

BABY LISTON . . . a son, to Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Liston of Lawndale, Aug. 3 at 6:09 a. m.

BABY McLAIN . . . a son, to Mr. and Mrs. Fred McLain of Gardena, Aug. 4 at 2:50 p. m.

BABY SCHUSTER . . . a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. V. L. Schuster of Hawthorne, August 2 at 10:16 a. m.

BABY WALLACE . . . a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Wallace of 1109 El Prado, August 6 at 5:04 a. m.

WPA Aids Schools in Many Ways

When Johnny goes marching back to school next month, he'll find several thousand WPA workers there ahead of him.

While Johnny makes the most of his fleeting summer vacation, the Work Projects Administration for Southern California is gearing half a dozen projects for action at the opening of the fall term, according to word from W.P.A. Headquarters in Los Angeles.

Some 225 WPA health attendants are being given "in-service" training to assist with as many children's rest period classes in schools throughout Southern California, under supervision of the school physicians.

Work in Libraries

The school lunch program for underprivileged children, which served a daily average of 54,000 school lunches last June, will reopen in 469 schools in September.

WPA librarians and assistants have begun preparations to facilitate circulation of thousands of volumes in 105 school libraries as the term opens.

Seven major research and record projects are operated in connection with the public school system by WPA, principally as aids to school curriculum development.

Special Activities

Beginning of the fall term will expand the Adult Education project, whose 679 classes in July held more than 6300 sessions attended by more than 10,250 persons, and WPA pre-school nurseries.

The WPA Recreation project will continue its collaboration with the school system, following the special activities of the vacation period.

Mild Epidemic of Chickenpox Is Noted

Chickenpox has been mildly epidemic this year, the total to date for 1941 being 24 per cent above average, according to Dr. W. L. Halverson, county health officer.

Measles, mumps and whooping cough have been 45, 81 and 79 per cent above average this year. German measles is on the decline, but for the year to date it has been 985 per cent above average figures, or nearly 11 times as prevalent as in an average year.

Potomylitis cases to date this year are 48 per cent below average, the health officer said.

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